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**Sent:** 6/15/2017 3:56:27 PM  
**To:** Strynar, Mark [Strynar.Mark@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Libelo, Laurence [Libelo.Laurence@epa.gov]; Detlef Knappe [knappe@ncsu.edu]  
**Subject:** Re: [request] Would you please reach out to ORD this morning

This is what I can recall:

- Specificity of the analytical standard

PFAC-MXA from Wellington Laboratory. 5 ug/mL stock solution in Methanol. Diluted into 10-750 ng/L in water.

- Sensitivity of the analytical method

I don't think we have done a sensitivity test by strict definition. LOQ is 25 ng/L for PFDA and PFOS, 10 ng/L for the rest eight legacy compounds and GenX.

- Number of detects above and below the LOD/LOQ

	GenX	PFBA	PFPeA	PFHxA	PFHpA	PFOA	PFNA	PFDA	PFBS	PFHxS	PFOS
Community A (n=127)	0	117	127	111	100	123	43	2	23	66	79
Community B (n=73)	1	45	65	34	32	28	0	0	1	6	5
Community C (n=34)	34	19	31	12	11	9	0	0	0	5	5

For the water treatment data we only have one sample at each point, so whatever shows in Figure 2 is a detect.

- Whether values in finished water represent direct measurements or calculated values (e.g., extrapolated from measurements at intake)

Direct measurements.

- Sample timing and replication

Daily compost samples:

Community A: 6/22/2013-11/19/2013.

Community B: 6/15/2013-12/2/2013

Community C: 6/14/2013-10/13/13

Grab samples (no replicates):

Water treatment plant: 8/18/2014

- Uncertainties

I don't think we have done an uncertainty test by strict definition, but we accept 20% analytical error for QC injections.

- Anything else that you think would be helpful for study interpretation

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On Thu, Jun 15, 2017 at 11:27 AM, Strynar, Mark <[Strynar.Mark@epa.gov](mailto:Strynar.Mark@epa.gov)> wrote:

My guess would be for any and all samples we collected and measured on the LC-MS/MS system.

Mark

**From:** Mei Sun [mailto:[msun8@uncc.edu](mailto:msun8@uncc.edu)]  
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Hi Mark

Do you know if the questions are for the raw water in all three communities, or in the water plant in Wilmington?

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On Thu, Jun 15, 2017 at 11:20 AM, Strynar, Mark <[Strynar.Mark@epa.gov](mailto:Strynar.Mark@epa.gov)> wrote:

I am trying to find out how best to do this. Mei Sun was a researcher working with Detlef Knappe (NCSU) back in 2013-2014 when we did this work. She is now a prof at UNC Charlotte. I may take me some time to dig up this info.

Detlef or Mei can we answer these questions?

Mark

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**From:** Libelo, Laurence  
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**Importance:** High

HI Mark,

Can you help with this?

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**From:** Aubee, Catherine  
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(if you have not already) and request anything they can provide additional info on methods and underlying data for the monitoring paper?

If possible, **by 2:30PM today**, please prepare some bullets on the following:

- Specificity of the analytical standard
- Sensitivity of the analytical method
- Number of detects above and below the LOD/LOQ
- Whether values in finished water represent direct measurements or calculated values (e.g., extrapolated from measurements at intake)
- Sample timing and replication
- Uncertainties
- Anything else that you think would be helpful for study interpretation

You may be able to determine much of this from the paper and any published supplemental materials. We should still pursue getting the actual data from ORD so we have a full understanding of the study.

I know you all have many competing priorities – so thanks for your continued help on this.

Best,

Catherine

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